

Washington State 4th Grade WASL Scores Decline as Poverty Increases

Each point represents the percentage of 4th grade students in an individual school passing one of the four Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) tests (Reading, Math, Writing, and Listening) in Spring 2002, related to the percentage of students in that school eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches in October 2001 (as a measure of poverty). As was found with data from 2000 & 2001, there is a significant correlation between higher instances of children in poverty and low percentages of 4th grade students passing the WASL tests in schools statewide.

